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The amendment filed October 18, 2004 is both non-compliant and non-responsive.

The amendment is non-compliant because: (a) it contains the status identifier “new” for claims which have been previously presented (i.e. claims 35-51 submitted in the amendment filed June 25, 2004); and (b) it includes changes to previously presented claims (e.g. adding “for removal of a chemical pollutant ...” after “mixture” in the first line of claim 35) without utilizing underlining and strikethrough for these changes. See revised 37 CFR 1.121.

The amendment filed October 18, 2004 is also non-responsive because this amendment cancels all claims drawn to the elected invention (i.e. a method for removing chemical pollutants) and presents only claims drawn to a non-elected invention (see MPEP § 821.03). Applicant should note that a statement of intended use is not a product limitation; and therefore, product claims 35-51 are deemed to be directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed, as explained in the previous Office action.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is (571) 272-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Duane Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-1166.

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